



**PLAN BREAKFAST . . .** Members of the Torrance Area Youth Bands prepare to blend pancakes and music at an annual fund raising event. A pancake breakfast is scheduled next Saturday at the Del Amo Center from 9 until 11 a.m. Pictured are Jim Davidson, band director; Ronnie Moatsu, marching band; Scott Gurrell, prep band; Nancy Jolley Jr., youth band; Brian Lewis Sr., concert band; and Scott McCabe, drum major. Breakfast tickets are 50 cents each. A musical concert will be presented during the breakfast.

## Around the World with Stan Delaplane

NEW YORK—None of the airlines is very sure what the new "inclusive tour" fares mean except that it drops prices a lot — about one-third less than you now pay.

Does it mean you must tour in groups of 15? Some airlines think it does.

Others say it only means you travel by air in a group of 15 — put together by a travel agent who finds 15 unrelated people whose only interest is the same destination at the same time. After that you split up.

One thing certain: With such a supermarket of fares, it would be foolish to walk in and pay full retail prices without shopping around first.

"We would certainly prefer to pay the least for transportation on our European trip and spend more there. Any suggestions for cutting costs?"

The only cut-rate line on the Atlantic is Icelandic Airlines. The others work on agreed rates fixed by the association. But the variety of fares — that's the trick. I would bet when you fly to Europe, five or six prices are on that same plane.

The man beside you may be paying \$100 less. The man in front may be paying \$100 more. All according to what "plan" he's flying.

How do you get the best buy? Well, a travel agent should be able to figure that out for you. That's the heart of his business — being your agent-buyer.

I called reservations in three airlines this morning. I got various answers. But the best one, I thought, was from a girl who said: "Draw up a list of places you want to go and bring it down to us to work on. There are so many ways of writing tickets that we can't do as good a job by phone."

"On a three-day bus tour through Italy this summer whom do we tip?"

Tips are supposed to be included in tours. The CIAT

bus man in Rome told me bus personnel were not to be tipped. But that isn't the way it works, Max. The bus carries a guide, a driver, co-pilot and stewardess. There's always some organizing type on the bus who takes up a collection for them.

Usually a couple of dollars. Tour guides get 10 to 15 percent on everything you buy when you make that stop at the "coral factory." They get something from the night club they recommended. (They cut in the driver and the stewardess — a little.) So tipping on top of that seems absurd. But for me, it's too much of an uphill fight I go with the crowd.

"While we're in Switzerland I would like to buy a Swiss watch, quite expensive in America.

The Swiss are very proper on prices by law and by nature. The prices are fixed. The amount of gold in the case is measured and graded. They do not — perhaps cannot — discount for the walk-in buyer. But — they can and do pay 10 percent to tour guides on what you buy. And they discount 10 percent to airline personnel.

I doubt that your tour guide will give you HIS 10 percent. But you might romance some airline person here to write a letter to a friend with the airlines in Switzerland.

"We will be in London this summer and want to do some time in the country . . ."

Two suggestions for you — one I've done, the other I'm going to do: You can get a 22-foot cruiser and spend a week on the Thames. Tie up at night for dinners at famous pubs ashore. Costs about \$100 a week for the charter. Write for a folder. Breeze Boats, 42 Manor Way, Egham, Surrey, England.

Second is the Pub Tours of England which I've done twice. A week in the country costs \$220 for two persons.

## Local Man Promoted To Officer

The promotion of Michael Joyce to operations officer at Bank of America's Hawthorne branch has been announced by M. D. McDermott, vice president in charge of personnel relations for the bank in Southern California.

Joyce moves into his new post after serving as assistant cashier-operations officer at the Redondo Beach branch for the past three years. Prior to that, he was at the Main and Carson branch in Torrance. He has been with the bank since 1958.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Joyce was graduated from Mt. Mary's College in Aberdeen, Scotland. He also attended El Camino College and has completed courses at the American Institute of Banking where he also serves as an instructor in business administration.

He and his wife, Catherine, live at 3737 W. 107th St. They have five children: Bernard, 8; Anne, 6; Theresa, 5; Maureen, 4; and Margaret, 2.

## 'Sweet Bird of Youth' To Open Next Weekend

Rehearsals for the Palos Verdes Players production of the Tennessee Williams play "Sweet Bird of Youth" are under way at the Palos Verdes Playhouse.

The production will open Friday, April 14, for a run of five weekends. Performances are scheduled at 8:30 each Friday and Saturday evening. Gladys Manu, who directed the Players' productions of "Waltz of the Toreadores" and "Summer and Smoke," last season, is directing "Sweet Bird."

Rosemary Buell of Palos Verdes will play the role of the Princess, an aging actress trying to escape from the pressures of time and reality. Her companion, Chance Wayne, will be played by Joe Silver.

Billy Creamer of Palos Verdes is cast as Boss Finley, the aging southern politician whose world begins to crumble when Chance Wayne tries

to recapture a youthful romance.

Others in the cast include Jim O'Donnell, Edd Linskey, Sue Hanson, Adele Wilder, Herb Gould, Sonia Sunshine, Harry Benson, Rene Gallefan, Jan Benson Arlyn Ehmsen, Terry McLaughlin, and Jim Dunne.

## Former Redondo Mayor Honored

A scroll honoring Charles H. Wortham, former mayor of Redondo Beach, has been ordered by Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Wortham will receive the scroll in ceremonies to be held before the Board of Supervisors soon.

"This man has served his home community of Redondo Beach for many years," Chace said. "It is only fitting that the county pay tribute to him."

## Insurance Agents Are Reassigned

Two account agents of Allstate Insurance Co. have been reassigned to the firm's Pacific Plaza sales office at 5001 Pacific Coast Hwy.

John Zang of 701 Ruby St., Redondo Beach, and Wayne Burke of 22905 Carlow Road, both formerly of Allstate's Torrance service office, will now work out of the Pacific Plaza office to provide policyholders in the area with improved insurance counseling and faster service.

Both men are members of the Allstate Honor Ring organization.

## Stamp Club Will Meet

A club sale will highlight the April meeting of the Torrance Stamp Club, to be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Scott Park Community Building, 234 Catskill Ave., Wilmington.

The club's new bid board, initiated at the last meeting, also will be open. General trading will follow the club sale.

## Newcomers Get Help At Bureau

New residents of the South Bay area wanting to learn more about community services have been urged to contact the Volunteer Bureau in San Pedro for information.

Mrs. Jack C. O'Donnell, executive director of the bureau, extended the invitation today. Mrs. O'Donnell said she has information about virtually all volunteer organizations in the area and is prepared to discuss individual assignments with persons visiting the bureau.

The Volunteer Bureau, located at 1427 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro, is open from 9 a.m. until noon each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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